

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Tourism In HK

UNDENIABLY tourism is fast becoming an important part of the Colony's commercial and social structure. Up to half a million tourists are expected to visit Hongkong this year, and they will probably spend around \$300 million while they are here.

These are striking figures, full of meaning. They mean, among other things, that Hongkong is rapidly "selling itself" as a centre of attraction, not only for globe-trotters, but for thousands of people in neighbouring countries who are more and more turning to travel as a medium for holiday-making.

The upsurge of visitors also means that Hongkong, if it is to enjoy to the full the advantages from this new-found source of publicity and revenue, must rationalise its tourist industry. It cannot be permitted to develop in a haphazard manner. Resources and ideas need to be pooled.

ONE essential would appear to be willing and generous co-operation between public and private concerns whose operations are in any way related to, or can be applied to, tourism. Thus, local offices of shipping companies, airlines, bus and ferry companies, hotels and travel agencies, should co-ordinate their various services to ensure that tourists are provided with every possible facility for seeing and making the most of Hongkong.

In these days the Colony has more than its natural scenic beauty to excite visitors. There exist many visible signs of progress in the tackling of our new and varied sociological problems, of our industrial development, and our expansion in education and health services. Moreover, as Mr F.C. Clemo noted in his address to the Rotary Club this week, these are matters which are being talked about overseas and about which the interest of scores of visitors has been stimulated before they arrive in Hongkong.

IT is proper that Government should interest itself in any overall organisation designed to promote and control the tourist industry, even to the extent of helping financially. But Government's role should be paternal rather than executive.

It has been intimated that Government has in mind the formation of a Tourist Association. Such a body, properly constituted and fully representative, could do valuable work in injecting new enterprise and imagination to the tourist industry.

There is considerable room for streamlining and improving the Colony's tourism services. Undesirable "touting" needs to be eliminated; hotel accommodation increased and made thoroughly attractive; and a closer liaison developed between the various enterprises whose interests are in any way touched by tourism.

RUSSIAN TROOPS TO REMAIN IN RUMANIA

HK TOURISM

Govt Sets Up Committee

Late this morning it was officially announced that Government has appointed a working committee of representatives of the interests concerned in the tourist industry of Hongkong to consider and to recommend to Government whether or not a Hongkong Tourist Association should be established, and if so, recommend the form of constitution, membership, methods of financing, etc., of such an association.

The working committee is under the chairmanship of Mr J. C. Cowperthwaite, Deputy Financial Secretary (Economic). Members are Mr F. C. Bridger (American Express Company), Mr F. C. Clemo (Hongkong Tours and Travel Service), Mr Horace Kadoorie (Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels), Mr J. V. Kanmerling (Royal Inter-ocean Lines), Mr W. C. G. Knowles (Cathay Pacific Airways), Mr Benjamin C. Lee (Sunning House), Mr Paul Lutes (American President Lines), Mr J. L. Murray (Government Public Relations Officer), Mr J. G. O'Donnell (Pan-American World Airways), Mr M. A. Snowball (British Overseas Airways Corporation), Mr M. J. K. Stark (MacKinnon, MacKenzie and Company).

The formation of a Tourist Association was the major recommendation of a report submitted to Government by the Public Relations Officer on the completion of a survey of all aspects of the tourist and travel industry in the Colony conducted a few months ago.

The PRO survey and report have been considered by both the Executive Council and the Trade and Industry Advisory Committee and approved in principle by both of them. It is upon the advice of the Executive Council that the working committee has been set up.

Red Scientists To See Harwell

Geneva, Aug. 11. Thirty scientists from "Iron Curtain" countries have accepted an invitation to visit the British atomic research establishment at Harwell on August 24, a British spokesman announced here tonight.

The spokesman for the British delegation to the current United Nations conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy said that well over 100 delegates of all kinds accepted the invitation. The acceptance included a total of 15 from the Soviet Union, Byelorussia and the Ukraine and five each from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

The British Atomic energy Authority, which issued the invitation, had chartered three aircraft to fly guests from Geneva to Harwell and back on the same day.—Reuter.

West's Military Groupings The Reason

London, Aug. 11.

Communist Rumania opened the door today for Soviet troops to stay in Rumania beyond the agreed deadline unless foreign troops pull out of Western Europe.

Presumably acting with Russian consent, the Rumanian Premier, Gheorge Gheorghiu-Dej, said in a telegraphic interview with the United Press that "important changes" had occurred since Russia made her original withdrawal promise in wartime to the West.

The terms of that promise—later written into the 1947 Rumanian peace treaty—were that Soviet troops would pull out of Rumania and Hungary as soon as they pull out of Austria.

Soviet troops are withdrawing from Austria by October 1—and the question put to the Premier was, what would happen to Rumania?

In view of the "changes," the "necessity of the presence" of Soviet troops in Rumania will be removed when foreign troops withdraw from Western Europe, was the reply from Mr Gheorghiu-Dej.

Since the Austrian peace treaty was finally signed last May, there had been widespread speculation whether Russia would honour the past pledge to clear her troops out of Rumania and Hungary at the same time. Diplomatic quarters took Mr Gheorghiu-Dej's statement to the United Press to be Moscow's own answer that she no longer felt bound to a simultaneous withdrawal.

The Premier's response to United Press questions, cabled to Bucharest, did not say that Russia intended to back out of her Yalta promise to withdraw her troops from Rumania and Hungary after the end of the Austrian occupation. But he said the situation in Western Europe had "changed" with the formation of Western military alliances.

He followed by the Communist military grouping under the Warsaw pact.

And he said that under the Warsaw pact "appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the security of the European democratic states, among them Rumania."

IF "Of course if the foreign troops... were withdrawn from the countries of Western Europe... that the necessity of the Warsaw treaty would be removed," said the Rumanian Premier.

"It is obvious that the necessity of the presence of Soviet troops in Rumania would be removed too; and these troops would be withdrawn from Rumania."

The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, suggested in June that the Soviets might find some sort of "justification" for keeping Soviet troops in Hungary and Rumania beyond the Yalta-set time limit. The ostensible purpose of Soviet troops' presence in Hungary and Rumania was simply to guard lines of communication to the troops in Austria so long as they were there.

On July 31, widespread reports were published that the Soviet Union intended to honour the agreement and withdraw troops from Hungary and Rumania by October 1—the deadline the Soviet Defence

median and whom the French secret service is scared of.

David Lewis gives the inside story of the on-off romance of Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' film reviews, "Did It Happen?" story, the latest women's news, three pieces of local and overseas news, cartoons and comic strips—all in the China Mail.

Plane To Fly 2000 mph

US Air Force Ready For Experiment

Washington, Aug. 11.

The United States Air Force today announced that it was ready to make the first rocket-powered flight by the X-2 research plane designed to penetrate the "heat barrier" at 2,000 miles an hour or more.

X-2 is the first plane specifically built to explore the point in speed where many metals weaken or break down owing to tremendous air friction. The aluminium alloy normally used in aircraft has been replaced by stainless steel and other materials. Highly tempered glass which can withstand temperatures of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit has been used for the windshield.

FLYING LABORATORY The rocket engine develops power almost equal to that used to drive a modern navy cruiser at high speeds.

The X-2 will be used solely as a flying research laboratory to accumulate information about flight at speeds much greater than that of sound.

If the pilot had to bail out at high altitudes, an explosive charge can separate the entire cabin from the rest of the aircraft. A ribbon-type parachute would then slow down the falling cabin until it reached an altitude where the pilot could safely make use of his own parachute.—Reuter.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Moscow, Aug. 11. Canada's Minister of Fisheries, Mr James Sinclair, now touring the Soviet Far East, was injured and sent to hospital as a result of a fall while inspecting a drydock at Petropavlovsk on the East Coast of Kamchatka Peninsula. It was announced here today that the Canadian Embassy in Moscow said Mr Sinclair's condition was not regarded as serious and he was expected to resume his tour "within a fortnight". The Minister's executive assistant, Mr Alistair Fraser, was also injured in the same accident, the Embassy said, but has already been released from hospital.—France-Press.

"Once And For All" Petition

New Delhi, Aug. 11. A seven-man deputation of New Delhi citizens today met President Rajendra Prasad and presented a memorandum urging the government to solve the Goa issue "once and for all".

The memorandum proposed immediate imposition of economic sanctions against the Portuguese and an approach to 29 Banking conference nations to ask at least their moral support in solving "this vital problem of European colonialism on Asian soil".

The deputation included members of the Delhi Legislative Assembly representing right-wing and leftist opinion.—Reuter.

TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS

Berlin, Aug. 11. The East German Cabinet today decided to send "drugs and other urgently needed material" at once to India in response to an appeal for help for flood victims by the Indian Premier, Mr Nehru, the East German news agency, ADN, said. "Floods were reported last week in the Amn River district of East Uttar Pradesh (United Province).—Reuter.

Chaudri Mohammad Ali Becomes Pakistan's Premier

Karachi, Aug. 11.

Pakistan's new Premier, Chaudri Mohammad Ali, today promised selfless service to the nation in his efforts to raise the standard of living of the country's common man.

The Premier told the nation in a ten-minute broadcast that three main problems were facing the country:

1. Settlement of the Kashmir question with India.
2. A speedy drafting of the constitution that would enable earliest possible nationwide elections.
3. Economic development to improve conditions of the common man.

Mr Chaudri Mohammad Ali broadcast barely an hour after his new 11-man Cabinet was sworn into office. He stressed the need for an early Kashmir settlement in the interests of world peace and Indo-Pakistani progress.

"The sooner this dispute is settled the sooner Indo-Pakistani relations will be put on a friendly, stable and sane basis," he said. "We (meaning India and Pakistan) must co-operate if economic and political progress on the sub-continent is to be achieved."

This was the Premier's only reference to foreign affairs. Turning to domestic issues, he termed the drafting of a constitution a must. He urged that the document be framed with "minimum delay so that elections will be held at the earliest possible date." He called for a constitution that would "give due credit to the finest traditions of Islam."

In the economic field, he said, a great deal had been done in Pakistan in the eight years of its existence as an independent nation. He urged greater effort, however. "Economic progress is a means to an end—a fuller and happier life in a just social order."

The Premier's voice sounded very tired after four days of marathon negotiations to form a new government. His usually fluent speech became halting.

DOOR STILL OPEN He expressed regret that the Awami League found it impossible to join the government coalition. He said the door was still open.

"What the country needs at this time," he said, "is a national government composed of all parties represented in the Parliament."

He ended his address with a promise that he would serve the country with "utter devotion". He said: "I will spare nothing, not even my life, in service to Pakistan."—United Press.

Strip Tease Strike Is Planned New Delhi, Aug. 12. Government clerks have exempted women from joining in a "strip tease strike" due to start next Tuesday to back up demands for more pay because of "technical difficulties."

The women will remove only their makeup and sandals as a token of sympathy, a union member said, adding: "If they took off their saris there would be almost nothing left."

There are only a few women working among the 6,000 third grade clerks who want their minimum basic pay of £1 sterling per week doubled.

They will start their campaign today with a procession—in full dress this time—to the house of the Home Minister, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

VESTS AND TROUSERS If their demands, which also include free transport to work and free education for their children, are not met they will turn up for work on Tuesday unshaven and shirtless, wearing only vests and trousers.

Sikhs, who normally wear their hair tied in a top knot under a turban and their beard neatly rolled, will go to the office with hair and beard flowing.

If the demands are still not met on August 30 the clerks will arrive for work clad only in pyjamas, with a bed sheet draped around their shoulders.

After that "we will have further plans," say the organisers, "and we shall reveal them in due course."—China Mail Special.

Those 70 adopted Americans hope to tip the balance against the Communists by voting in San Marino's next elections on September 1.—France-Press.

Transport Planes Collide

Appalling Air Disaster

Freudenstadt, Aug. 11.

The US Air Force flying boxcars collided in formation and crashed "like chunks of lead" today in a fiery disaster that killed 66 Americans, including 55 foot soldiers who went up to get the feel of flying.

The US Seventh Army infantrymen took off in red and silver Air Force C-119s on a "familiarisation" flight to acquaint them with airmen they might encounter in combat.

Fifteen minutes later, after the air impact, they spun in from 4,000 feet strapped inside the fat fuselages with their infantry equipment, including a three-quarter-ton truck.

GEYSER OF FIRE

One of the twin-engined, twin-tailed boxcars with 47 men aboard smashed into the Black Forest between Edelweiser and Gromwiler in a geyser of fire that set an acre of trees and underbrush ablaze.

The other, carrying 10 men and the big Army truck, tumbled into a grain field near here.

The Air Force first announced that 67 men were killed, but reduced the toll to 66 when it learned it had counted one too many infantrymen aboard the more heavily loaded plane—42 instead of the actual 41.

"Both aircraft went down like chunks of lead," said an Army source. "There was no chance for anyone to get out."

THEIR FIRST FLIGHT

Many of the soldiers who died in Germany's worst post-war air crash were on their first flight. It was an "air familiarisation" flight to show them how they would be carried and even parachuted into combat in the Army's new armoured tactics. No actual air drop was planned today, but all aboard reportedly wore parachutes all ready strapped to them.

None got out after the planes collided at 4,000 feet.

Air Force and Army parties were trying to remove the bodies to the US Army hospital in Stuttgart tonight. The crash marred the 60th Troop Carrier Wing's two and a half year fatality-free record.

The two aircraft involved were from the Wing's 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, which won the 11th Air Force's safety contest last June for a year's flying without accident.—United Press.

The Problems Of Governing A Colony

An important series of articles on "Governors and Government" written by a well-known authority on colonial affairs, Mr Harold Ingrams, CMG is to be published in the China Mail beginning tomorrow.

Mr Ingrams who is the author of many books on colonial administration including one entitled "Hongkong" has served in or visited most colonies in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. These articles are therefore based on expert knowledge

and they give a comprehensive account of the multifarious responsibilities of a colonial Governor and examine some of the problems they entail.

This is only one of tomorrow's feature highlights. Watch also for these:

Rene MacColl, on his latest trip to Moscow, finds the Russians still the same despite peace moves.

John Ralph interviews a 6-ft Scot who became a Moham-

edan and whom the French secret service is scared of.

David Lewis gives the inside story of the on-off romance of Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' film reviews, "Did It Happen?" story, the latest women's news, three pieces of local and overseas news, cartoons and comic strips—all in the China Mail.

Death Of Famed Actress

Milan, Aug. 11. Joan Bradley, leading actress of the world famous operetta show "Oklahoma," died here tonight from infantile paralysis, doctors at a Milan hospital said.

Miss Bradley was suddenly stricken with polio on Tuesday. She was taken to the Desguze Hospital here where she was placed in an isolation ward.

On Monday night she had played the female lead in Oklahoma. According to other members of the troupe she had felt perfectly all right but the following morning she complained she could not use her legs.

Doctors first said her condition was "not preoccupying" but gave no details.

Tonight's performance of the show was cancelled. News of Miss Bradley's death came a few minutes before it was due to start.

Miss Bradley joined the Oklahoma cast a year and a half ago. She studied at the La Scala School of Opera from 1948 to 1950.—China Mail Special.



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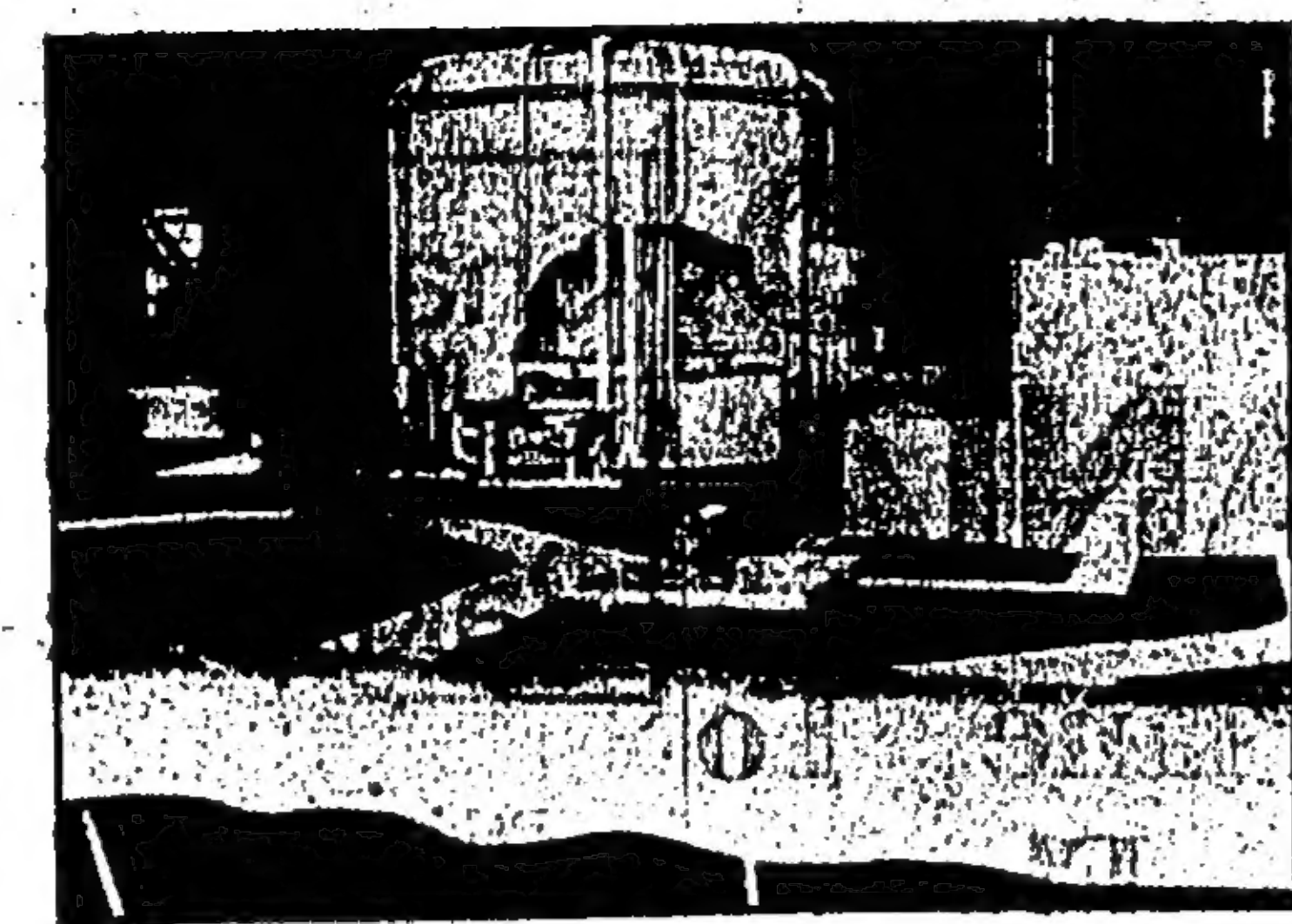


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"STRANGE LADY" IN TOWN

JAPAN'S ADMISSION TO GATT

A Dido On View At Geneva



The model of Dido, a heavy water reactor under construction at Harwell, which is on view at the atomic exhibition at Geneva. When the reactor is completed in 1960 it will have the highest neutron flux of any research reactor in Western Europe.—Reuterphoto.

Dr Baty's Last Plea Of Innocence

CONTENTS OF HIS WILL

London, Aug. 11.

Dr Thomas Baty, an international lawyer who died believing he was under a cloud of suspicion as a traitor, made a last plea of innocence in his £7,181 will published here today.

The British-born doctor of laws lived in Japan throughout World War II and died there in February 1954, aged 85.

In his will he wrote: "I never collaborated with the Japanese."

Britain investigated his wartime activities in 1946. A year later it was reported that British authorities in Tokyo, with the agreement of the Foreign Office, had deprived him of protection as a British subject.

Later a Foreign Office spokesman said no action would be taken against the lawyer "though there was every basis for doing so."

A Treasure

Dr Baty, affectionately described as "a treasure" by the Japanese press for his work as legal adviser at the Japanese Foreign Ministry for more than 25 years, was said to have written several articles for Japanese magazines during the war.

The tall, dignified lawyer, who after 30 years in the Far East still wore the black coat, striped trousers and high winged collar of a London barrister, wrote in his will:

"Neither during the late war with Japan nor since its termination by the establishment of complete Allied control up to the present, have I collaborated in any way with the Government of Japan."

"I desire to record my opinion as an international lawyer and a student of English law that the free expression of opinion and criticism of His Majesty's Ministers... cannot be considered treasonable, neither can disapproval of a Communist alliance, however openly expressed."

"Nor can continued intercourse with the population of the enemy country, since even trade with the enemy (unless in munitions of war) was never so considered."

Left To Cousin

Dr Baty, a bachelor, left most of his money to his cousin, Mrs Esther Blanche Lewis.

He directed that interest from the estate of his dead sister, who for many years shared his cottage in Japan, should be spent in publishing his manuscripts, including "International Law in Twilight" and "Alone in Japan."

He left toys with which he and his sister played as children to his Japanese friend, Taka Kiku Sema "if she accept them as curiosities."—China Mail Special.

WAR BOOTY RETURNED TO OWNER

Bonn, Aug. 11.

The watch which a New Zealand captain took from a German soldier he captured in Italy in 1944, has arrived back at the German's home here.

With it came a friendly letter from the former captain, Mr Keith Burt, of Christchurch, New Zealand, to his onetime prisoner, Reinhard Gemmel, a goldsmith.

After the war Mr Burt, a tax adviser, regretted taking the watch. He made many unsuccessful attempts to trace its owner through an inscription inside the case. Then a German-born New Zealander, Mr Carl Berger, also from Christchurch, came to his help. Through a newspaper he found Herr Gemmel.

Captain Burt offered to help Herr Gemmel to emigrate to New Zealand, and the goldsmith is thinking about it. Meanwhile he has made a beautiful silver rose for the captain's wife.—China Mail Special.

'Wrong Address' Led To Fine

East London, Aug. 11.

A registered letter handed by him with the remark "there is no such address," proved the undoing of an East London postman.

In the East London Magistrate's Court, the postman, Charles Ansell, 26, was sentenced to fines totalling £120 sterling, with the alternative of six months imprisonment, after he pleaded guilty to tampering with registered letters.

A post office inspector told the court that on one occasion Ansell returned a registered letter to him saying that there was no such address. When the inspector examined the envelope he found that it had been tampered with.—China Mail Special.

BABIES IN GAOL

Pietermaritzburg, Aug. 11. There are 22 babies in the Pietermaritzburg prison, whose mothers are serving terms of imprisonment, an official of the local branch of social services said.

He was appealing for clothes for the babies.—China Mail Special.

UN Mission To Togoland

Accra, Aug. 11.

A four-man United Nations mission to Togoland arrived at Accra airport today. The mission, headed by Mr T. Banerji of India, was met by demonstrators demanding unification of British and French Togoland. The other members of the UN Mission are Mr John M. McMillan of Australia, Mr Salah E. El-Sayid of Egypt, and Mr Robert B. Robinson of the United States.—France-Press.

Britain's Reservations Welcomed By Cotton Board

Manchester, Aug. 11.

Sir Raymond Streat, chairman of the Cotton Board, tonight "heartily" welcomed the reservations made by the British Government towards Japan's admission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

He declared: "The formal admission of Japan is an event which has been fully expected for some time because there has been a clear manifestation that there was a majority of nations in favour of it."

"I heartily welcome the reservations which the British Government has made, retaining its freedom of action in various vital matters. Leaders of Lancashire's textile industries received the news of Japan's admission to GATT with some anxiety, although they had known it as coming. Textile circles, apprehensive over competition from low-priced Japanese goods, said firms were anxious whether the Government's reservations would be 'effective and widely used.'"

Welcomed

They said that Government assurances on these lines would be eagerly welcomed in Lancashire and would "take the chill off the reception" of tonight's news from Geneva. In London tonight a Board of Trade spokesman said Britain's policy on Japan's accession to GATT remained as given in a White Paper published last April.

In this it was stated that in present circumstances the British Government had decided that they must exercise their right to invoke the provisions of Article 35 of the agreement, which would allow consent to the application of the General Agreement between Japan and the United Kingdom to be withheld.

The White Paper announced the Government's intention of continuing the policy of maintaining a high level of trade between the sterling area and Japan.

It said: "With a view to strengthening the United Kingdom's commercial and economic relations with Japan generally, the Government would wish to conclude a long-term commercial treaty with her embodying mutual undertakings with respect to shipping and establishment matters, protection of industrial designs and tariff matters and are inviting the Japanese Government to enter into negotiations for such a treaty."

Unchanged

Mr Cyril Lord, one of Lancashire's biggest textile industrialists who has consistently opposed Japan's effect on British and Empire textile markets, tonight welcomed the Government's adherence to its previous policy over Japan's accession to GATT.

"So far as Japan's admission is concerned our position is unchanged."

"With regard to textiles the Government realise that if Japan had all the facilities she could derive out of GATT we might be completely finished with textiles in this country."

Mr Lord said this was about the only point the British Government had taken in regard to Japan but he wished they would take an even stronger line.

"With over 50,000 workers in Lancashire on short time they do realise that something has to be done for textiles."—China Mail Special.

SHIP HELD UP

United Nations, Aug. 11. Israel today protested to the United Nations Security Council against Egypt's action in holding up a Dutch ship bound for Israel at Port Said on July 10.

The ship's name was the Fedala. The Israeli delegate, Mr Mordechai Kidron, accused Egypt of flagrantly impeding the legitimate and peaceful passage of a merchant ship through the Suez Canal.—France-Press.



SIR RAYMOND STREAT

RUBBER 'NAPOLEON' DEAD

Frank Seiberling

Akron, Aug. 11.

Mr Frank Seiberling—the "Little Napoleon" of the rubber industry—died in hospital here today aged 95.

He founded but later lost control of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company, which became the largest concern in the industry. Then starting from scratch in his later years he and his brother, Charles, founded and built Seiberling Rubber Co.

He had been in ill health since his retirement five years ago as chairman of Seiberling. Pneumonia and complications led to his death.

The little five-foot-four-inch pioneer of the Goodyear was credited with inventing several techniques still used in the rubber industry.

During the depression of 1898 Mr Seiberling founded Goodyear in an abandoned board factory in East Akron. He borrowed \$1,500 to get it started and under his leadership it became the biggest concern in the industry.

Mr Seiberling amassed a fortune of more than \$20 million.—China Mail Special.

Eden Plan Being Studied

Paris, Aug. 11.

A technical study of Sir Anthony Eden's plan for a "European demilitarised zone," is now being conducted by military experts of SHAPE and the principal Western Powers, informed sources said today.

The plan was presented at the recent Big Four conference in Geneva. All plans brought up at that conference are under general consideration by military experts.

No conclusions of their study have yet been made public.—France-Press.

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DOWNGRADE HITS JAPAN

Tokyo, Aug. 11. Police reported today that a downpour which hit the Asakawa area in Central Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, yesterday flooded 2,408 houses and 3,095 acres of farmland.

The rain also washed away five bridges and caused landslides at four places.

The Hokodate trunk line was disrupted as trucks were buried under muddy rainfall was said to be the heaviest to hit this area since 1881.—China Mail Special.

ANTI-WAR RALLY IN NEW YORK

Message To Mayor Of Hiroshima

New York, Aug. 11. An anti-war rally attended by 1,500 persons at Carnegie Hall last night voiced unanimous support for a message to the Mayor of Hiroshima pleading efforts to work for a peaceful, rather than military, use of the atom in the future.

A series of speakers urged an end to atomic bombing and to war itself, and each was cheered by the audience.

The rally was sponsored by the recently-formed Hiroshima commemorative committee and marked the 10th anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. The committee is supported by a group of 100 clergymen, college professors, artists, lawyers and other professional people.

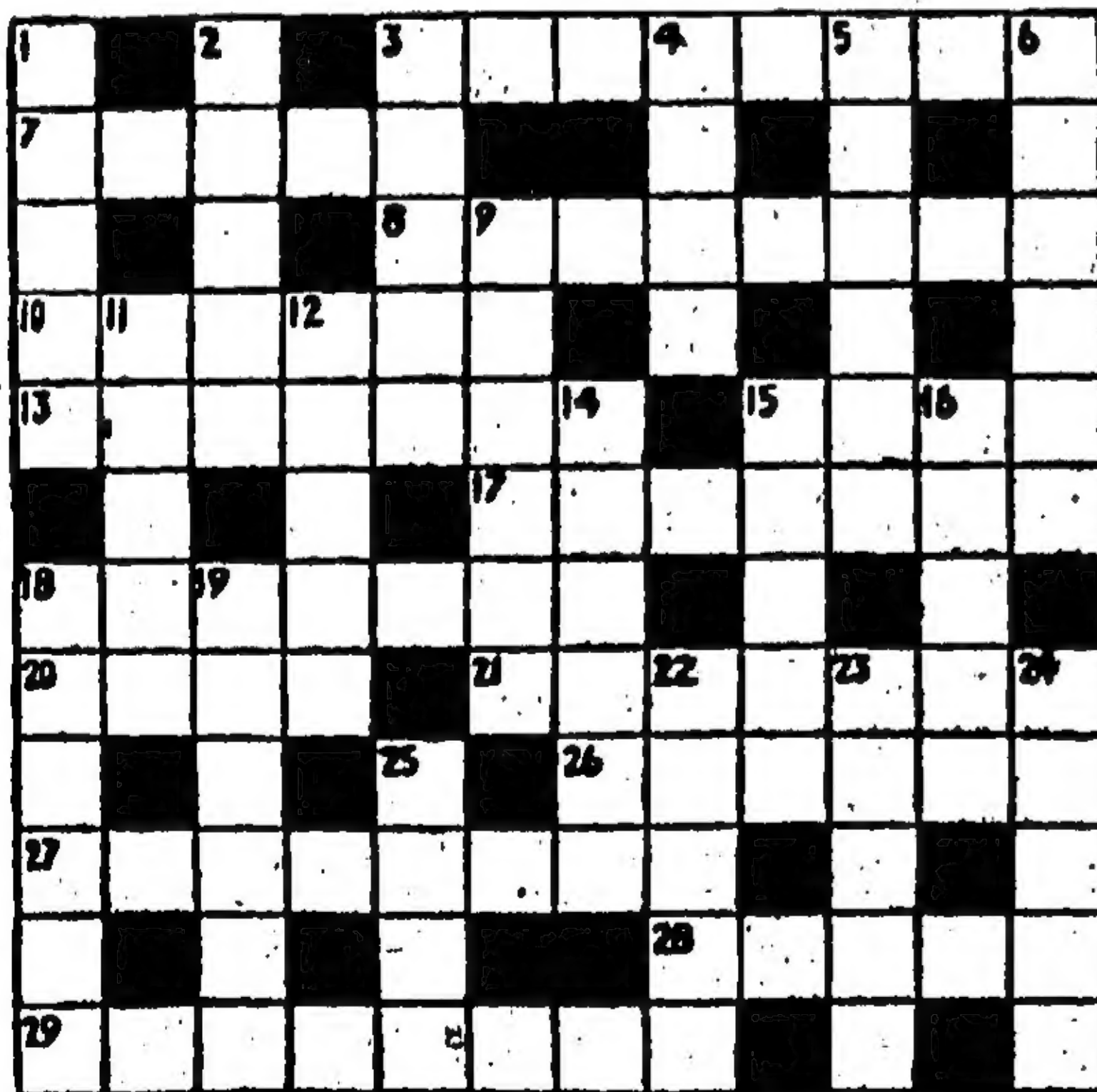
MAIN ADDRESS

The main address last night was by Dr. Arthur Upham Pope, who said that the decision to drop the Hiroshima bomb was made by "confused and invalid processes."

Dr. Pope, until 1949, was Vice-Chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Other speakers were Dr. Otto Nathan, an associate of the late Dr. Albert Einstein, Rabbi Louis Gross and Dr. Royal W. France.

The meeting pledged itself to continue the "work of peace."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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7 Portion (5).
8 Believer in Predestination (6).
10 Cuts up (6).
13 Sorrow for guilt (7).
15 Fuss (4).
17 Came in (7).
18 Inns (7).
20 Cuts down (4).
21 Drinks (7).
22 Grumble (6).
27 Jolly base (8).
28 Spotted (5).
29 Fearful (6).

DOWN
1 Weapon (5).
2 Material (6).
3 Submit to (5).
4 Expensive (4).
5 Press chief (6).
6 System (6).
9 Agree (6).
11 Ease off (5).
12 Pair of shoes (5).
14 Flag (6).
15 Musical time (4).
16 Valley (5).
18 Aiming mark (6).
19 Kind of parchment (6).
22 Urge (5).
23 Sensational (5).
24 Indisposed (colloq.) (5).
25 Commotion (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1 Mishap, Pedro, 8 Revue, 9 Sorter, 10 Error, 11 Affix, 12 Anne, 13 Inset, 14 Amulet, 15 Debit, 16 Spent, 17 Mark, 18 Debt, 19 Rebut, 20 Acquired, 21 Revel, 22 Asked, 23 Dancer, 24 Dwarf, 25 Mistake, 26 Sordid, 27 Area, 28 Fortune, 29 Puerile, 30 Serene, 31 Loose, 32 Sire, 33 Tormentor, 34 Altered, 35 Uttered, 36 Measure, 37 Pains, 38 Role.

MORE SELF-RULE FOR MOROCCO BEFORE TROUBLE

Paris, Aug. 11.

M. Gilbert Grandval, the French Resident-General in Morocco, urged the government today to make a solemn promise of more self-rule for the protectorate before the planned nationalist demonstrations on August 20 explode into fresh violence.

High sources said that M. Grandval made the plea after reports from Morocco indicated a growing threat of disturbances.

M. Grandval's suggestion came at the opening session of the top North African Co-ordinating Committee session meeting under Premier Edgar Faure and 12 ministers.

Also present were the Resident-General in Tunisia, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour du Moulin, and the Governor-General in Algeria, M. Jacques Soustelle.

None of the ministers present today appeared to share M. Grandval's fears. Most of them believe that the adoption of self-rule measures without due consideration would be interpreted by nationalist extremists as a capitulation.

M. Grandval flew to Paris yesterday exactly five weeks after being named Resident-General. Reports said he has maintained most of the recommendations in his preliminary report despite ideas to tone his plan down to make it acceptable to the rightwing of Premier Faure's bickering coalition.

Deadline

The approaching August 20 deadline—second anniversary of the exile of nationalist Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef—touched off an activity unusual for the summer vacation period.

Before the Matignon Palace session, Premier Faure conferred with the Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, a leading critic of the Grandval plan.

It was learned that M. Grandval had a lengthy meeting last night with France's World War II leader, General Charles de Gaulle.

M. Grandval also conferred with former Premier Georges Bidault. Sultan Sidi Ben Youssef was sent on exile on August 20, 1953, when M. Bidault was the Foreign Minister. M. Bidault conferred with Premier Faure yesterday and informed him of

Opposition

Some ministers oppose M. Grandval's plan outright, as giving too much to the turbulent nationalists. Others agree the present Sultan may not have the necessary prestige to carry out the planned home-rule reforms but instead of a council of regency they would prefer a new ruler.

French newspapers said that the Moroccan crisis was the toughest problem Premier Faure had to face in his five months in office. Reports from large Moroccan cities said that the populace has bought huge quantities of materials for red and green nationalist banners. Stringent security precautions have been made throughout the 9,000,000 population country France has occupied for 43 years.

Sultan Ben Youssef's name has become the battle cry of a growing number of Moroccans. Press statistics claimed today that up to 35 per cent of the Moroccans had remained faithful to the deposed Sultan Youssef, now under French surveillance in Madagascar.

Marshal Alphonse Juin did not attend today's session. After a ringing denunciation of nationalist extremism, the highest French military figure announced on July 1 that he would not attend the meetings.

Marshal Juin and many ministers believe that nationalist leaders do not command the majority of the population.

After a lunch served at Premier Faure's residence, the committee will remain in session until tonight. It may meet again tomorrow before its findings go before the cabinet for final scrutiny and a new battle, on Saturday or early next week.

Numerous Clashes

While Premier Faure and his top ministers met in Paris, officials of Algiers reported numerous clashes between the security forces and the "Army of Allah" fanatics in the rebel-ridden Aurès mountains.

Their reports said that a total of 173 rebels and some 14 soldiers were slain in clashes which started on Tuesday night.

The Casablanca police reported that an unidentified woman was stoned to death last night by a gang of young Moroccans at one of the native quarters (Nouvelle Medina).

The youths later tried to burn her body, the police added.—United Press.

Japs Plan Defence Programme

Tokyo, Aug. 11.

Japan will present to the United States this month a six-year defence programme which would have 255,000 men under arms by March, 1961, it was learned today.

The targets of the military blueprint, completed by defence force officials are:

1. A 180,000-man ground force backed up by a trained reserve of at least 20,000 men in fiscal 1958.
2. A 34,000-man, 124,000-ton navy built around a fast, powerful force of light destroyers and escort ships in fiscal 1960.
3. A 42,000-man, 1,200-plane tactical air force by the same date.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Shigemitsu, is to show the programme to American political leaders, will seek to ease the Russo-Japanese peace talks in London.



Holiday time is full of ups and downs for these joyous beachgirls, indulging in care-free gymnastics at Blackpool.—Reuterphoto.

Scientists Plan Miniature Suns WOULD PROVIDE ALL ENERGY FOR MAN'S NEEDS

Geneva, Aug. 11.

Scientists on both sides of the Iron Curtain are working on the almost fantastic project of building miniature satellite suns.

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No Instructions

After visiting France, Mr. Kono will go on to West Germany before flying to the United States.

Mr. Kono later told reporters that contrary to some reports he has not brought any instructions to Mr. Shigemitsu Matsumoto, Japanese chief delegate to the peace talks with the Russians being conducted in London.

He further added that he had brought messages from the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, that the Japanese Government and the people of Japan are fully supporting Mr. Matsumoto's efforts to reach an understanding with the Russians on a peace treaty.

Mr. Kono also stressed that the political situation in Japan, where a merger of the two conservative parties is being discussed among the Japanese political leaders, will affect in no way the Russo-Japanese peace talks in London.

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But it remained for scientists at the Geneva conference to spell out the shape of harnessed H-power. Physicists speculating on the form of a hydrogen reactor might take—and it is still a big IF whether one can be built—suggested it might be some sort of heavily-shielded furnace in which small quantities of hydrogen or other similar light elements would be subjected to bombardment by smaller-than-atomic particles travelling at great speeds. These particles would trigger the fuel atoms into melting together. In the process, some of the matter lost in the melting together would be given off in the form of heat. That heat would drive boilers.

Small Scale

The fusion process was carried out on a small scale before the war. But only a microscopic number of atoms could be persuaded to link up and heavier elements that give off heat.

Japs Seeking Short Cut To Treaty With Russians

By Harold Guard

London, Aug. 11.

Developments in the Soviet-Japanese peace negotiations which have been going on here since June 1 prompted the conclusion among observers today that Japan was seeking a short cut towards formulating a peace treaty before the United Nations assemblies next month.

The Japanese Embassy said that Japan's draft treaty would be submitted by the Japanese delegation leader, Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, to the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Jacob Malik, at their next meeting scheduled for August 16.

The Soviet draft treaty has been under consideration in Tokyo since June 15.

Mr. Ichiro Kono, Japan's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, is arriving here from Tokyo today with a new brief for Mr. Matsumoto from Premier Ichiro Hatoyama.

Meanwhile, persistent reports from Tokyo indicate that Japan's draft treaty has gone a long way towards agreement with the Soviet draft.

There has been no official information available here since the talks started on June 1 but from the sparse guidance afforded by the Japanese delegation it appears certain that Russia has undertaken to support Japan's entry into the United Nations once a peace treaty has been signed.

It also has been known both here and in Tokyo that Premier Hatoyama favours the conclusion of a peace treaty before settling all outstanding problems.

Now it appears that Japan has decided to take Russia at her word and to bid for a seat in the United Nations as the price for agreeing substantially to the Russian peace terms.

According to Tokyo reports, Japan has discarded the idea of standing firm on her claims to the Kuriles, South Sakhalin, Habomai and Shikotan, and would be content with a withdrawal of Russian forces from the islands.

The Russian draft stipulated that the island chain should be recognised as Soviet territory.

Agreement

The Japanese draft apparently is consistent with Japan's question of sovereignty can be discussed after a peace treaty is signed.

Both drafts apparently agree that the technical state of war would be ended with the signing of a peace treaty.

This would open the way for discussion on the exchange of diplomatic, trade and cultural missions on which both sides are agreed.

The Japanese draft is also understood to coincide with the Russian draft on the proposal that after a peace treaty an expert conference should be called to discuss a fisheries convention.

Both sides are said to agree that they would observe a principle of non-interference in each other's domestic affairs and also to recognise any other existing treaties entered into by either Japan or Russia.

In this respect the Soviet draft left scope for Japan to continue her alliance with the United States on the understanding that Russia would continue her alliance with Communist China.

The question of the return of Japanese war prisoners still in

Russian hands apparently is not treated as part of either draft.

This may be explained by the fact that after their meeting on June 24, Mr. Matsumoto said that there had been a "tentative agreement" that the war prisoner question should be considered separate as apart from a peace treaty.

Other Matters

Other matters including the waiving of reparations and war damage claims and post-treaty discussions on navigational rights in Japanese waters apparently are agreed upon in both drafts.

And the key factor appears to be Russia's support for Japan's entry into the United Nations whose General Assembly is scheduled to open in the second half of September and probably will be attended by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Jacob Malik, who has conducted the Russian negotiations in London.—United Press.

GUSTAVE CAUSES TANGLE

Wants To See His Signature

Digne, Aug. 11.

The French police, conducting a new inquiry into the three-year-old triple Drummond murder of Lurs may have to suspend their investigations after stumbling into complicated legal tangle caused by the key witness, Gustave Domitici.

Gustave, son of the convicted murderer, Gaston Domitici, questioned the authenticity of documents containing earlier evidence by him when confronted with the documents by Commissioner Charles Chenevier.

The Commissioner could not show Gustave his signature on the bottom of the testimony since he had only signed carbon copies of the original testimony. The originals are kept in the archives in Paris.

Gustave's unprecedented denial may lead to a charge of contempt of the magistrate but the tricky legal problem has not French lawyers by the ears.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Chenevier may not be able to continue his investigations unless a charge of contempt is brought against Gustave.—France-Press.

Amateur Uranium Prospectors Are A Nuisance

Geneva, Aug. 11.

The "weekend" uranium prospector who goes out in his car with a geiger counter in the hopes of finding rich deposits was more trouble than he was worth, the United Nations Atomic conference was told today.

These prospectors had made no major discoveries and the time and labour of Government departments was wasted by having to carry out lengthy tests on generally useless samples of rock.

The Canadian delegate, Mr. A. H. Long, said he was not trying to discourage these "weekend" but urged them to acquire a basic knowledge of the science of uranium.

"excursions" were not very useful.

Prospecting for uranium by air provided the main theme for discussion after the various papers had been read to the conference and gave rise to wide differences of opinion.

Mr. S. H. U. Bowie, Britain, said he saw no great use in aerial prospecting. It was very costly and one had to fly very low which presupposed "the co-operation of a very sympathetic insurance company."

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however, a helicopter could be useful in setting its limits.

Prospecting experts from the United States, the Soviet Union and Brazil, however, all agreed that aerial prospecting was very useful. A paper presented by Mr. V. A. Bessy (USSR) said that useful deposits had been found in the Soviet Union by this method.

Mr. S. V. Guedes (Brazil) said that during one survey flight in his country, very strong uranium deposits had been located in a place where flying over a mine.

It was later found that the mine manager had found a number of signs of uranium in the area and he had been told to look for it. The mine was later found to be a very rich source of uranium. All found.—China Mail Special.

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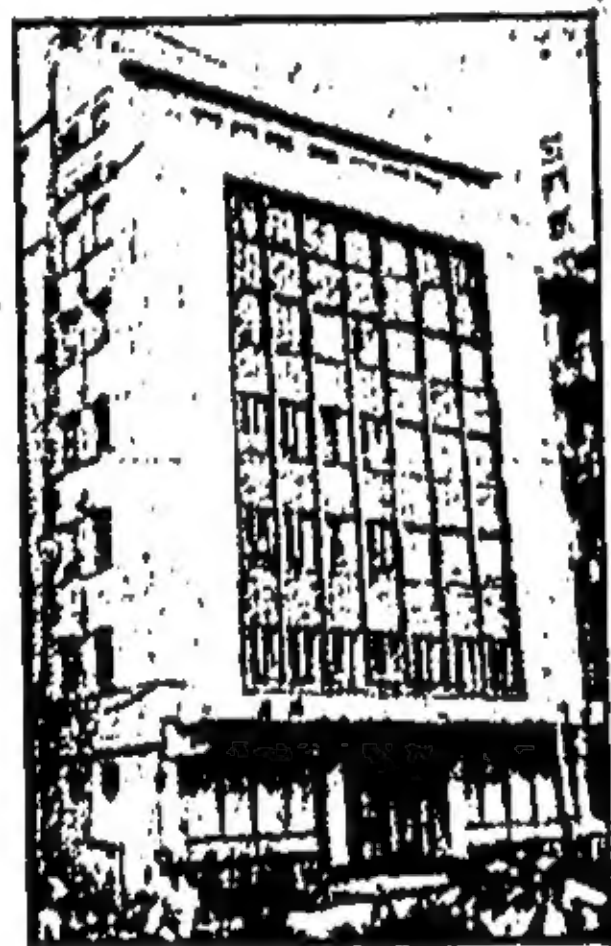
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THE VOICE FROM BEYOND

ANYONE who served at sea in the early days of the last war will have vivid memories of the dive-bombing attacks by the German Stukas.

During the pre-war days we, on our side, had developed similar tactics, but unfortunately when it came to the test the enemy targets were few and far between. Anyhow, it was during our early experiment in this dive-bombing that the main incident in this story took place.

My No. 2 and I had taken off from an aircraft carrier to try out a new sight. We each carried practice bombs and the idea was to make alternate dives on an aluminium flare which I had dropped as target.

On reaching our height, I waved No. 2 away to await his turn, eased the stick forward and put her into an almost vertical dive.

Down—down—down—at 500 I pressed the release, pulled up into a steep climbing turn, and looking over my shoulder saw a white puff of smoke in the middle of the flare. A bull's eye. Money for old rope. I glanced up and there was No. 2 heeling over into his dive. There he went screaming down and heading straight for the target. 3,000—2,000—1,000—Steady now. Don't leave it too late!—400—200—Look out!—Crash!

As I circled over the spot, a wheel and a few bits of wreckage bobbed up to the surface and that was all.

One of the worst

I flew back to the aircraft carrier and landed one of the worst deck-landings on record. That night, as I tossed and turned in my bunk, I still couldn't believe it was true. Not only was No. 2 a great personal friend but a first-class pilot with as cool a brain as you could find in the Fleet Air Arm. The very thought of his having misjudged the height was absurd, there could only be one solution... some mechanical



There he went — screaming down and heading straight for the target. CRASH!

DID IT HAPPEN?

defect due to the unusually steep descent. For the second time in their service all aircraft of that particular type were grounded while I and my new No. 2, "Shorty," made exhaustive tests to try to find out what had gone wrong.

But we could prove nothing. Again and again we put our aircraft through similar dives, but they took it as good as gold without a sign of any structural weakness.

Eventually the powers that be came to the only possible conclusion, "human error" and the no-flying ban was removed. Months went by during which we developed dive-bombing to a fine art. No further incidents. And yet, in spite of all this evidence, nothing could persuade me that No. 2 had had a black-out or had made an error of judgment—he just wasn't that sort of flier.

We finished the cruise, disembarked for a short leave, then flew back on board for the

spring cruise to the Mediterranean.

A few days later there was a knock at my door and there stood Shorty nervously twiddling his cap. "Could he speak to me in private?"

Being so soon after the leave period I naturally suspected woman trouble, but far from it.

He didn't seem to want to go on, but after I'd settled him in a chair and given him a cigarette, he took a big gulp and out it came.

A trance

"My father," he said, "died some years ago and since then my mother has become a terribly keen spiritualist, and is always trying to get in touch. Last week she persuaded me to go to a seance. I didn't want to a bit, but I don't understand those sort of things, but she was so keen on the idea and so certain that I

could help, that I couldn't very well refuse."

Shorty wriggled uncomfortably in his chair. "It was a strange sort of set-up," he went on. "Mostly old ladies except for one rather attractive girl, who turned out to be the medium. After a while they dimmed the lights and she went off into a trance. Everyone else leaned forward expectantly, but I sat back in my corner trying hard not to appear sceptical, and at the same time longing to get the whole thing over and done with."

"It was a bit hot and I think I must have dozed off. Anyhow, I suddenly felt mother digging me in the ribs and found to my horror that everyone was looking at me."

"He's very indistinct," droned the medium, "so I think he can only have passed over a short time ago. Yes, something to do with flying... he seems to think there is someone in the room who used to fly with him."

Shorty stubbed out his cigarette. "No wonder the old ladies were all looking at me. I was the only 'possible'."

LOVE, KHRUSHCHEV, AND COMRADE KOVACS

HUMOUR BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

By JOHN CLEWS

SINCE the visit of the Soviet delegation headed by Nikita Khrushchev to President Tito in Yugoslavia, a story has been going the rounds in Polish circles. According to this story, Khrushchev had a length of English cloth which he wanted making up into a suit. Well known for his compulsion, he went to a Moscow tailor for a fitting. After measuring him, the tailor said: "I am sorry, Comrade Khrushchev, but you are too big for the length. I cannot fit you."

A day or two after Khrushchev had arrived in Belgrade he took this material to a Yugoslav tailor and again asked to be fitted, explaining that his Moscow tailor had found him too big. The Belgrade tailor measured the cloth and then looked him up and down. "You may be a big person in Moscow," he said, "but you are only a small person here. I will have no difficulty in fitting you."

Off The Record

This sort of joke is quite definitely off the record, but there are many like it. Humour behind the Iron Curtain is a very interesting—and funny—thing. There are two kinds of jokes, official and unofficial. Official jokes have a purpose. They are barbed and aimed at minor individuals and deficiencies. They never attack official policies, for that is forbidden in Communist society, but they do reveal many weaknesses besides being, often, very humorous.

For instance, the Polish satirical paper, *Szpilki*, recently lampooned the notorious rigidity of many minor Communist officials in a dialogue between two of them in which one said, "and thus, according to party directives, you should not independently develop the initiative of the masses and cement ties with them..."

To which the other replied: "Yes, Comrade, but with respect to the independence of action when will we receive directives on this topic from the Central Committee?"

Another cartoon from *Szpilki* has shown up a new approach

to an old subject—love. In Stalin's days this was taboo. Courtship then was quite seriously presented as the sulkier pressing his claim with his bedouin success, while his beloved married with an adroit challenge to a further output competition.

Now this is changed, and *Szpilki* can hit out at the zealous but short-sighted party secretary who storms at a girl comrade: "Don't try to get out of me, Comrade. You have dishonoured the name of our organisation. I myself saw Comrade Pietrzyk secretly squeezing your hand..."

Travel Around

Some of these jokes travel around, for it is common practice for the East European satirical papers, such as *Szpilki* or *Utrata* in Rumania, to reprint cartoons from the Soviet *Krokodil* without revealing the fact. Thus the *Krokodil* story about the man looking at a dilapidated building, asking when was it going to be repaired, only to receive the reply that it had just been built, has so far appeared in one or two East European papers as a local joke, complete with the original Russian picture!

There is no doubt that the "underground" jokes also get carried across the borders, especially as they are repeated in the programmes of the anti-Communist Radio Free Europe, whose broadcasts from Munich have many clandestine listeners in all the Iron-Curtain countries. In fact, there is quite a basis for the admittedly apocryphal story of the little girl who was taken into the Turda Street police station in Bucharest.

"She is lost," said the policeman, "she doesn't know her name or where her parents live. What shall we do?" The duty-officer suggested that her description might be broadcast over the radio. Overhearing, the little girl piped up: "Comrades, if you want to send me home, please send it to Radio Free Europe. It's the only station my parents listen to!"

Somewhat Grim

This story, slight as it is, is somewhat grim when the possible penalties for listening to such Western stations are remembered. Equally grim is the recent story of a local Communist meeting in Hungary at which the party secretary spoke on economic affairs. He told the audience that Hungary had 1,270,000 cows, 6,800,000 pigs and 18,093,112 chickens. After the lecture he called for questions.

Comrade Kovacs timidly walked from the back of the room and asked: "If there are really so many cows, where is the beef and the milk? If there are really so many chickens, where are the eggs?" The party secretary declared the meeting at an end and said he would answer this most valuable comment the following week.

At the next meeting the party secretary answered the questions of Comrade Kovacs. He said that Hungary had 1,270,000 cows, whose meat went to the workers' canteens, while the milk went to the hospitals. Hungary had 6,800,000 pigs, the pork from which went to the consumers. Similarly, the eggs of the 18 million hens went to the market.

The party secretary ended his speech and asked if there were any more questions. A voice shouted from the rear: "Now we know where the meat, milk and eggs are, but what we don't know is where is Comrade Kovacs."

Yet another story of this nature started in Poland and has just turned up in Hungary.

At a party meeting the lecturer was assuring the audience that the Communists were producing more goods at lower prices. But one listener kept shaking his head in disagreement. Finally the lecturer could stand it no longer. He leaned over and asked: "Why do you keep disagreeing like this?"

"Well," came the reply, "whenever I go round the shops, there are fewer goods than ever."

"You make a serious mistake," Comrade Kovacs replied, "you should go round the shops less often and read the papers more carefully."

But perhaps the best Iron Curtain story of all comes from a scientific meeting in Britain where a British Communist sympathiser, explaining why East Europeans attacked West German rearmament but never that in Eastern Germany, said that different countries had different social conventions and it is not a convention in countries of Eastern Europe to criticise their Governments.

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"I tried desperately to look like someone who had never seen an aeroplane in his life, but it was no good. Mother was already pointing to me and nodding."

"The medium seemed to sense what was going on in spite of her closed eyes. 'Would you like to ask a question?'"

"At that moment I would have given anything to be able to think up some innocuous question calling for an easy non-committal reply, but the thought which had been up in my mind seemed to blot out everything else."

"What went wrong?"

There was a long pause during which the girl swayed to and fro and started to shake.

"He's very new... and it's very difficult... apparently something... I can't make out what... came loose... and hit him."

Shorty got up from his chair and picked up his cap.

"It sounds so damned silly now... said in cold blood. But I thought you'd like to know."

And with that he was gone.

As the door closed I sat very still. Why this devil hadn't thought of the better? Why hadn't I remembered the first time those particular aircraft were grounded?

I had been ferrying one of the earliest to come out of the makers for deck-landing acceptance trials, and my route had taken me over Northolt, then an RAF fighter station.

And what did I find? First that due to wear, No. 2's engine cowling had been replaced just before the accident. And secondly—and far more important—that the replacement cowling drawn from the ship's stores had been one of a batch of assorted spares sent direct from the makers to the aircraft carrier.

What's more, that particular batch of stores had been in transit at the time the modification was ordered.

I left it at that. There seemed no point in trying to find a scapegoat, and I am sure No. 2 would have hated me to do so.

But did he want to tell us what happened?

Your guess is as good as mine. But personally I have always felt a warm glow in my firm conviction that he didn't make an error of judgment.

He just wasn't that sort.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

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BENNY HILL

Did yesterday's story "The Man on the Beach," by John Montgomery, actually happen? The answer is: YES.

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"TEN COMMANDMENTS" WILL COST \$15,000,000 TO MAKE AND PROMOTE

By MAMIE CRICHTON

Every so often along comes a film of such wild and fantastic extravagance that it gives an aura of exotic recklessness and incredible abandon to a business which, on the whole, is conducted on much the same strict economic lines as most other businesses.

But the manufacture of, say, shirts or orangeade or wire ropes hardly gives scope for an occasional breath-taking phenomenon like "Gone With The Wind" or "Caesar and Cleopatra" of past years.

Round British studios lately the talk has been of the soaring costs and fabulous expenses involved in John Huston's "Moby Dick," with specially-constructed tanks, model ships and a model whale with built-in breathing apparatus to supplement the genuine location shots.

FABULOUS ENTERPRISE

But even that pales before the fabulous enterprise of Cecil B. DeMille in Hollywood — the re-make of "The Ten Commandments" in VistaVision.

I quote: "Total budget for the negative is estimated at \$8,500,000 dollars, and this figure will

BY THE TRIBE

In Egypt he hired them by the tribe, over 12,000 of them, to film on a mammoth set near Cairo. He also filmed 400 chariots driven at furious pace in pursuit of escaping slaves.

Back at the Paramount studios he started on interior

work in March, and has just about reached the half-way mark.

I have gleaned bits from all the American movie people I've met this summer about this super-cosmic epic.

"The Old Man," as everybody calls DeMille, seems to get all he wants. Starting dates for Paramount autumn films are only tentative, for the Old Man occupies all the stages — one opening on to another into the far distance.

And when that wasn't enough space for the parting of the Red Sea, DeMille coolly suggested they leave space for the company in the adjoining studio property and break down the wall between. It was done.

The parting of the Red Sea sequence alone will cost over a million dollars.

Still to be filmed are Moses at the Burning Bush, Moses receiving the Ten Commandments, the worship of the Golden Calf and bits of the Exodus.

ALWAYS A FORTUNE
Why does DeMille get such latitude? Maybe he has a big holding in Paramount. But more important, all his previous pictures have made fortunes for him and Paramount.

Will a film costing 15,000,000 dollars ever get its money back at a time when 12 or 13,000,000 dollars is just about the peak gross for a very few, very popular films from world-wide distribution?

"Pooh to that," says Paramount bravely. "We believe 'The Ten Commandments' will earn 100,000,000 dollars over a period of years."

And maybe they're going to prove not so wide of the mark. It may well turn out to be the kind of film that can be played over and over again, re-issued after a suitable time has elapsed and go on reaping harvest. About a year from now it is expected to be ready for its premiere.

DAVIS CUP

Hopman Causes Mild Surprise By Picking Hoad

Philadelphia, Aug. 11. Low Hoad will make his appearance as Singles player for the Australian Davis Cup team tomorrow, in the first match of the Australia-Italy Inter-Zone Final at Philadelphia, team captain Harry Hopman announced tonight.

Hoad will meet Fausto Gardini in the first Singles and Ken Rosewall will play against Nicola Pietrangeli in the second match.

In the Inter-Zone Final between Australia and Japan, two weeks ago, Hoad only played in the Doubles and Hartwig took his place in the Singles alongside Rosewall.—France-Press.

CAA To Enter Three Teams In Softball League

Softball enthusiasts will be glad to know that the Chinese Athletic Association will be entering three teams in the coming season's softball league.

Contrary to speculation, certain parties that this club was incapable of fielding any teams Mr. Mak Kwong, team manager stated affirmatively that CAA will be represented in the Men's Senior "A" Division, the Men's Junior Division and the Ladies' League.

St. Louis 7 8 2 Milwaukee 1 7 5 Hoadoli (9-11) and Samal; Nichols, Paine (8), Jolly (8) and Grand (8), Jolly (8) and Grand (8).—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Junior Open Athletic Meeting, King's Park 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

First Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Second Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Third Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Fourth Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Fifth and Sixth Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Seventh and Eighth Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Ninth and Tenth Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Eleventh and Twelfth Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Division, Hong Kong v. Rovers, 7 p.m. (Rovers v. Rovers, 7 p.m.)

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DAVID AND GOLIATH



This giant of a man holding boxing promoter Jack Solomons, and watched by Freddie Mills, the former World Champion, is Ewart Potgieter of South Africa, newly arrived in London, and the latest threat to the holder of the World's Heavyweight boxing crown. Ewart is 7ft. 2ins. tall and weighs 22 stone, and in 18 months fighting has had seven bouts, winning all by knockouts in the first or second round. — London Express Photo.

The Average Soccer Spectator Is A Long Suffering Fellow

Says ARCHIE QUICK

"It often strikes me that when considering the problems of football, the person whose opinion many of us are most in danger of ignoring is that much misunderstood individual, the spectator."

"In other walks of life the customer is said to be always right, but the man who pays a regular faithful visit each week to his local football ground must sometimes find it hard to avoid feeling that he is always in the wrong."

Who said that? None other than Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of the Football Association. In similar vein he continues in the 1955-56 Football Association Year Book. "If gates are good, there are those who declare that he wastes too much time on passive entertainment."

If gates are bad or his Club's fortunes are low, he equally gets blamed by others for his lack of support or for being a fair weather friend only.

If he shows sincere enthusiasm for his side he is threatened with the accusation that he is too partisan and of course he becomes hardened to being told by various authorities that he knows nothing and cares less for the Laws of the game.

Fortunately, the average soccer spectator is a long-suffering fellow, but I think that all of us who are responsible for running the game should frequently remind ourselves of his importance. As well as those of the players, it is the spectators' interests we set out to serve.

EUROVISION

"In both professional and amateur football, the spectator makes his presence or absence felt at the turnstile. The recent developments are likely to increase his influence decisively in the very near future."

"One of these is what is becoming known as Eurovision, the TV system which brought last year's World Cup matches direct from Switzerland to peoples' homes; the other is the successful experiment carried out last season in transmitting live TV broadcasts of matches at Wembley to large-size screens in cinemas in different parts of the country."

Just imagine what these new techniques are going to mean. Football of the highest class both at home and abroad is now becoming available not only to

PANDAS WIN

Pandas defeated South China 10-2 in a scrappy Summer League football match at King's Park yesterday. Winnick, pitcher, R. Chen, received relief from Willie Wong. AI Owen was charged with the game.

The Cup was won by the Singapore footballers.

CIVIL AID SERVICES ORDERS

No. 30. Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, OBE, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of August 12, 1955.

Records — Change of Telephone Numbers — To enable records to be kept up to date, all members whose residential or business telephone numbers have been changed are required to report their new number to the Staff Officer.

Examination Results — General Duties — The undersigned attended an examination in General Duties on June 27, 1955 and qualified in that subject.

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FRENCH PROSPECTORS GET AIRLIFT OVER THE SAHARA

Paris, Aug. 11.

Giant French cargo aircraft are maintaining a ceaseless airlift across the Sahara this summer to deliver jeeps, bulldozers and oil derricks to French prospectors before winter rains make the runways of the sunbaked oases unserviceable.

Some 1,500 young technicians have flown from schools and factories in France to the remote southern territories of Algeria, armed with picks and Geiger counters.

They believe that they can turn the Algerian Sahara, half as large again as France, into another Texas, Ruhr or Ural before the end of this century. Industrialists and government departments are spending 30,000 million francs this year to help the prospectors to prove it.

Within two years, France hopes to have 20 oil wells operating in the southern territories. Seven wells, grouped round the In-Salah oasis, are considered very promising.

Promising

The area under survey stretches from Laghouat Oasis in the north to Tamanrasset in the mid-Sahara, near the frontier of French West Africa. From Paris to Tamanrasset by air is 2,000 miles. The Algerian railway stops on the edge of the desert, near the oasis of Colomb-Béchar.

It has long been known that the shifting sands of the Sahara in Algeria cover a wealth of minerals: iron, zinc, lead, mercury, copper, antimony, kaolin, marble, onyx, salt and coal. But in the half century since Marshal Lyautey completed the subjugation of Algeria, most commercial and industrial activity has been limited to the fertile and thickly populated Algerian seaboard.

Algeria's deep south was left to its ancient ways—the immemorial commerce of Arab with Negro, and the exploits of white men in search of adventure.

Now, a younger generation of technicians, equipped with freight-carrying aircraft and helicopters and helped by a comprehensive aerial survey and substantial state and private funds, intends to change all that. A North African expert, M. Erik Labonne, is directing from his headquarters in Paris a far-reaching scheme for the industrialization of the French Union, in which the Sahara has priority. M. Gaston Palewski, a Minister without portfolio in the government of M. Edgar Faure, is responsible for speeding up research and development in French Africa.

Added Speed

Recent developments in French aviation are adding to the speed with which the territory is being opened up. The Breguet and Hurel-Dubois companies have provided transport aircraft capable of working from small improvised airfields and of carrying large loads economically over thousands of miles.

One reason for the haste with which France is exploring her most desolate possession is the prospect of finding uranium and cobalt. Government geologists are forbidden by the official

TURCO-IRAQI CO-OPERATION

Bagdad, Aug. 11. Said Qazazi, Iraq Minister of the Interior, left today for Ankara to negotiate an agreement under which Turkey would join Iraq in campaigning against Communist infiltration activities. He is also seeking to establish full co-operation for maintaining order and security along the Turco-Iraqi borders. —Scuter.

Camel Snubs Bicycles



Nurses in Egypt emphatically refuse to ride camels or donkeys. They are mostly city girls and have ridden bicycles since they went to school. Little by little the peasants have come to accept that the bicycle is something that goes with nurses in the country. Picture shows:—This is how a camel snubs a bicycle. Two of the Government nurses ride along a camel-track that serves as a road to a country village. The girl on the camel looks half shocked, half envious.—United Press.

Faure's Visit To Russia Welcomed

London, Aug. 11.

The forthcoming visit to Russia by France's Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, M. Edgar Faure and M. Antoine Pinay, has great importance for the future easing of international tension, Moscow Radio said today.

The broadcast said it was an important step in strengthening friendship between the peoples of the two countries and "the importance of the positive results of the Geneva conference of heads of governments has been to establish personal contacts between those heads and thus to create an atmosphere of businesslike co-operation," it added. —Router.

Coal Producing

The Sahara's first industrial city will be Colomb-Béchar, a coal-producing area near the Moroccan border. The French Government has allotted 17,000 million francs (about £17 million) for the industrial development of this town. In a few years, the population of Colomb-Béchar now 25,000 is expected to reach 100,000. —China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12.
By Air
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 9 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13.
By Air
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, Noon.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 3 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

Famous Song Writer Dies

Stamford, Conn., Aug. 11. Andrew Sterling, writer of hundreds of popular songs, died today in hospital, aged 80. He had been an invalid since he suffered a fractured hip two years ago. Among his songs were "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie", "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "Down Where the Swanee River Flows". —China Mail Special.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



AT A LOSS

But even when the theatre, as usually happens, is packed night after night to its capacity of 2,000 people, the festival must run at a loss. Staging a Wagner opera, with its dozen or more top-line singers and its symphony-size orchestra, is an expensive business, and the Festival depends on the 500,000 marks (about £41,700 sterling) which it receives each year in subsidies from the German Federal Government and the Government of Bavaria, as well as gifts from private sources.

A feature of this year's Festival has been the international character of the bookings. Only about half the estimated 45,000 visitors will have come from Germany. Britain heads the list of other countries, followed by the United States, while opera fans will flock here from France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal and South America.

The Iron Curtain is no barrier to Wagner fans. There have been several bookings from Eastern Europe, especially Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Other visitors will come from Egypt, the Middle East, and as far away as India and Japan.

Several artists, too, are coming from abroad, including Ramon Vinyas and Astrid Varnay from New York, and the Brouwerstein from Amsterdam. —China Mail Special.

Korean Priests Agree At Last

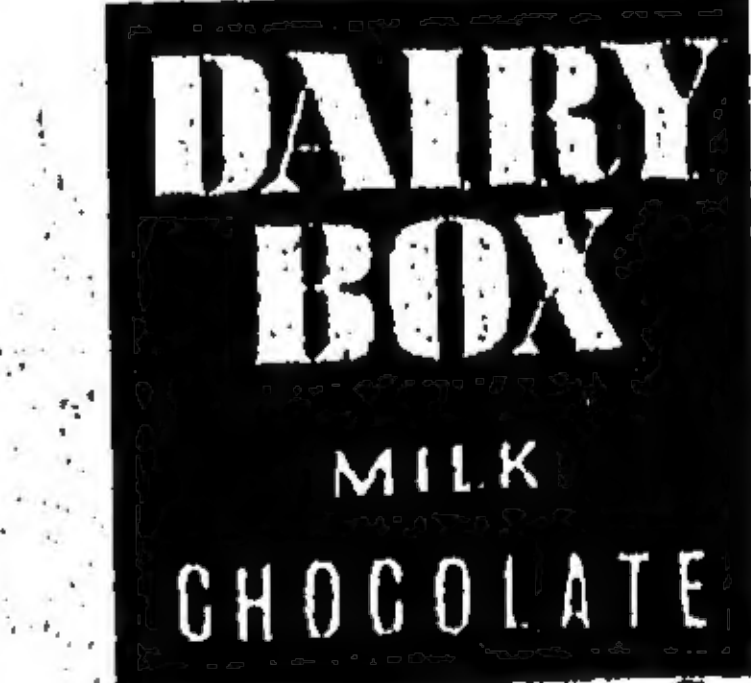
Seoul, Aug. 11. The 15-month-old dispute between married and single priests of South Korea reached a settlement today, when a combined committee of both sides voted to give control of Korean Buddhism to single monks and nuns.

The vote was seven to one in favour of celibate priests with one abstention.

Four representatives from the married and five representatives from the single priests took part in the voting today.

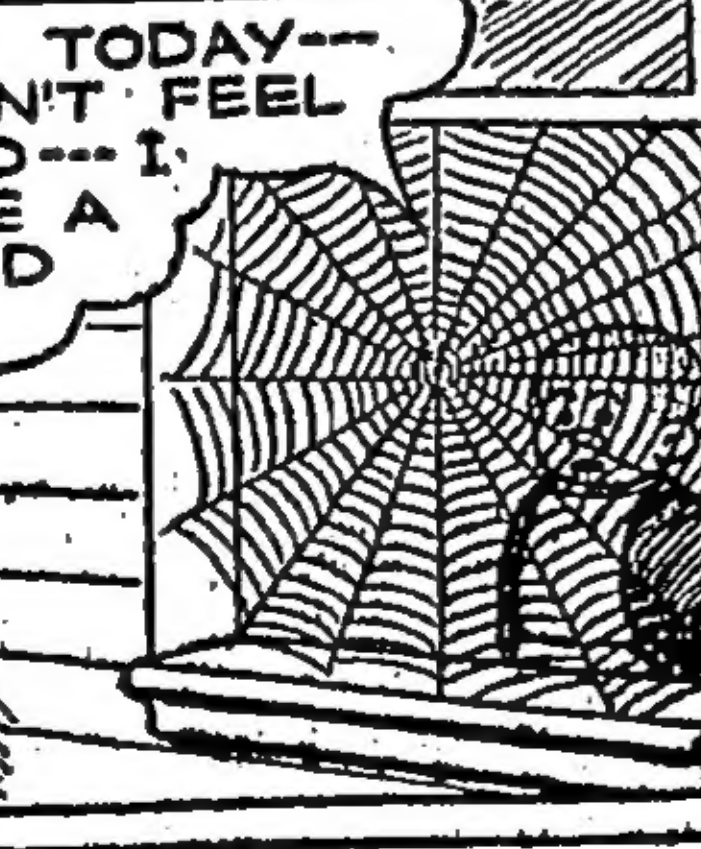
Education Minister Lee Sun Kan said tonight that the Government regarded today's voting as having legal validity.

Married priests are scheduled to hold a mass meeting here tomorrow to mark their victory in the long dispute which saw bloodshed and mass hunger strikes by single priests seeking Government support. —China Mail Special.



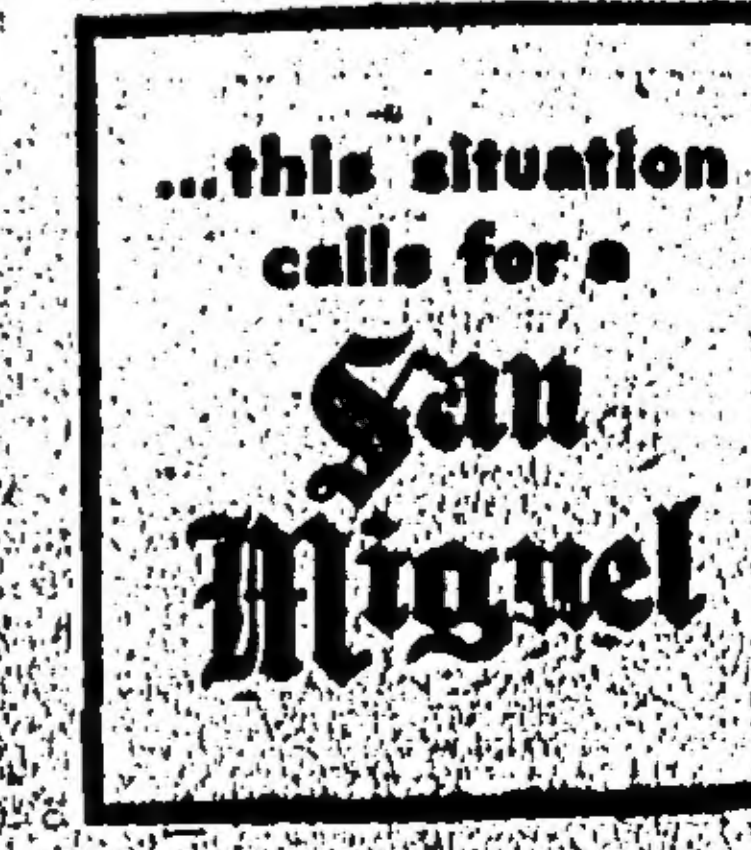
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Mother & Daughter

THE mother said to her 12-year-old daughter: "I want you to come shopping with me this morning, dear."

"No, no, no, I won't," the child cried. "You said you never make me again, you promised. I can't come."

And the little girl burst into tears, remembering the last time, two months before, that she had gone "shopping" with her mother. She screwed her eyes tight shut as if to keep memories out, but they crowded in upon her in numbing, nightmare confusion.

The stunning shock of seeing her mother steal from the shops they had visited then... the store detective stopping them in the street... the manager's office... the police station.

THE mother had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for those thefts, had appealed, and had the sentence quashed, being ordered instead to pay £15 fine. And now, a month later, she wanted to take her daughter shopping again.

"I won't," the child cried. But the mother was firm and had her way. The pair set off, to a store in their own neighbourhood first.

"You just stand there, lovey," the mother said, and under cover of her daughter, she helped herself from a counter, to two necklaces and a brooch.

They left the store, the girl in terror of hearing footsteps hurrying behind them, of hearing someone say: "Excuse me, madam."

DO WHAT I SAY
THE mother rushed her into another shop, used her as cover again to steal two hair-brushes and a manicure set. And now the mother was like a batsman whose eye is in, whom no bowler can daunt.

"I wish you wouldn't drag me," she told the child, pulling her along to a tube station. They caught a City-bound train almost at once. So did a breathless store-detective who had been trying to catch up with them since they left the first store.

At the next station, the mother dragged her daughter out, up to street level, into a multiple store. "Now you go along just in front of me, do exactly what I say," the mother commanded, and she prodded the girl along counters from which she stole bars of soap, packets of custard powder, meringue mixture, pudding mixture, another bracelet.

I'LL TELL
"Oh stop, mother, stop," the girl cried, "stop or I'll tell the man, I will."

"It's all right, dear, we're going now," the mother said. She took her daughter's hand and led her to the street. There the store detective, who had pursued them for so long, caught up.

At Clerkenwell Court, mother and daughter were both charged with being concerned together in the thefts, and they both pleaded guilty. The mother stood in the dock, crying. Her husband

stood by his daughter's side, a little in front, crying too, quietly. The child, tall, intelligent-looking, trembled, but did not cry. It was as though her misery had passed beyond the stage when tears could help.

INTO THE FUTURE
THE magistrate remanded the mother for a medical report. The court mother helped her from the dock. Two policemen half-carried her collapsing husband out.

The pale child left on her own, walking with slow, deliberate dignity, staring ahead with wide eyes, as if she longed to see the future but could not because of the past.

Sues Tobacco Companies

New Orleans, Aug. 11. A widow filed a damage suit against two tobacco companies today on the grounds that her husband's use of their products caused a throat cancer which eventually killed him.

Mrs. Victoria St. Pierre's suit named the R. J. Reynolds and the Liggett & Myers tobacco companies. From 1891 until his death last month, the suit stated, Frank St. Pierre smoked cigarettes manufactured by those companies.

"The use of these tobaccos," charges the suit, "either precipitated or contributed to the development of a cancer in the vocal cords, which ultimately caused his death on July 13, 1955."

The action argues the defendants were negligent in not warning that use of the tobaccos could "cause or precipitate" the development of a cancer.

Instead, the suit charged, the firms advertised that the cigarettes had no harmful effects.—United Press.

HK AIRPORT STATEMENT

London, Aug. 12. The Times writes today under the heading "Hongkong's New Airport."

"Mr. J. C. Gammon, Chairman of the Gammon group of companies, has announced from his London office that Gammon (Malaya) Ltd. will co-operate with the French firm of Societe Francaise D'Entreprise de Dragages et des Travaux Publics in building the new Hongkong airport, which is to cost about £5,000,000."

"Gammon's will carry out virtually all the constructional work and all the work on the airfield. The French concern will do all the land dredging, for which they are specially equipped."

"The contract will take three years to complete. The cost of the constructional work will amount to £2,500,000."—France-Press.

Gangsters Fight It Out With Stiletto

London, Aug. 11. Detectives tonight kept a vigil by the hospital bedside of a man calling himself "Britain's number one gangster" who was found stabbed in a London street today.

The condition of the stabbed man, Jack Comer, otherwise known as "Jack Spot," was said to be "critical." He has knife wounds in the lung and stomach.

In another London hospital tonight other detectives were at the bedside of 36-year-old Albert Dimes, who had extensive stomach stab wounds.

Hospital authorities described his injuries as "serious." The police tonight were scouring the cosmopolitan area of Soho for witnesses of a street fight in which the two were wounded.

Jack Comer, aged 43, styled himself the nation's leading gangster in a series of articles he wrote recently for a Sunday newspaper.

He claimed in the articles that he had risen to command an "army of 1,000 London toughs." At one time after the war, he wrote, his gang armed themselves with submachine-guns, hand grenades and small arms when threatened by a rival organisation.

But gang warfare did not come and Comer said he ordered all weapons to be dumped which brought "peace" to Britain's underworld.

He said his nickname of "Jack Spot" came because he was always "on the spot" when trouble broke out.

STREET FIGHT
Comer and Dimes were injured after a fight witnessed by screaming women, office girls and Soho's street loungers of countless nationalities.

Before their fight they were seen to run down the crowded street.

They grappled on a corner, and one man, waving a stiletto, chased the other into a fruit shop.

Fight fought in the shop over turning trays and boxes and terror-stricken women shoppers saw a man stabbed repeatedly, his face gashed from ear to chin.

Onlookers tried unsuccessfully to part them, Mrs Hyams, wife of the owner of the shop, beat them over the head with a metal scoop from a weighing machine but they continued fighting.

Eventually the two men, lurking from their multiple wounds, their blood spilling on

European Driver Fined

A European was charged before Mr W. N. Thomas Tam at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving a private car without due care and attention. He was fined \$100 and his driving licence was endorsed.

The defendant, P. Calderara, of 82 Macdonnell Road, was defended by Mr R. W. Dyer of Doacons. Sub-Inspector C.D. Mayger prosecuted.

Mr H. E. Swabey, who was a passenger in Mr J. C. Conder's car, said that on April 22, they were travelling down Garden Road when another car overtook them on the right using the central lane. At that moment, a learner's car was passing a slow moving vehicle on the opposite side of the road, and in an attempt to avoid a collision with the learner's car, the car swerved, crossed the line and pulled sharply to the left. As a consequence, Mr Conder also braked but the front offside of his car hit the overtaking car.

Mr S. C. Smith who was also a passenger in Mr Conder's car gave similar evidence. Mr Dyer said that the defendant did what any prudent driver would have done in such circumstances, but unfortunately, when both cars braked there was a collision.

Resettlement Flats Tenders Sought
Tenders were invited in the Government Gazette today for the construction of six blocks of resettlement flats at the Tai Hang Tung (area G), Kowloon. Only those on the FWD list of approved contractors in group V for building works will be permitted to tender.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The birds were learning crazy words from the clerk I fired! Before I hire you, do you swear or use be-bop talk?"

UNIONS WANT A 40-HOUR WEEK

Blackpool, Aug. 11. Some engineering unions in the United States are "thinking in terms of a 30-hour week," the annual conference of the British Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions was told here today.

Mr W. J. Carron, one of the delegates, moving a resolution calling for a 40-hour week, said he hoped British unions would keep the goal of a 30-hour week constantly before them.

The regular working week for the 3,000,000 workers represented at the conference was at present 44 hours.

In the United States, where the standard week was four hours less, production per man was three times greater, Mr Carron added.

"Having visited America, I can say definitely that the work tempo of American workers is certainly no higher than that of the British worker," he added.

Mr Carron added that since the British engineering industry cut the week from 48 to 44 hours in 1946, production had risen 75 per cent, so it was not necessary to go to America for evidence of increased production through shorter working hours.

Some progressive British firms were already operating the 40-hour week.

OVERTIME QUESTION
The conference passed unanimously a resolution calling on their leaders to press immediately and with all their resources for the reduction of the present working week from 44 to 40 hours without loss of pay.

A second resolution called for an agreement with employers to reduce permitted overtime from 30 to 20 hours a month.

It recognised the need for occasional overtime but deplored "the apparent attempt to weave into the pattern of industrial life constant and excessive overtime."

A speaker warned employers that unless they reduced overtime to 20 hours a month, the engineering unions might ban all overtime throughout the industry.—Reuter.

Memorial To Field-Marshal

Melbourne, Aug. 11. A memorial to Australia's only Field-Marshal, Sir Thomas Blamey, will show him standing in a jeep instead of mounted as at first planned.

The statue, to cost £225,000 (£20,000 sterling), will be twice life size and will stand at the entrance to Government House opposite the mounted figure of Sir John Monash, Australia's leader in World War I.—China Mail Special.

Reds Accuse UN Of Armistice Violation

Panmunjom, Aug. 12. The Communist military command today charged the UN with a serious Korean armistice violation by "conniving" with the South Koreans in riots against Red truce inspectors.

North Korean Maj-Gen. Chung Kook-rok, charged at a Military Armistice Commission meeting that the UN side "must bear the responsibility for seriously violating the armistice agreement."

The Communist General told US Air Force Maj-Gen. H. Parks: "I lodge a strong protest with your side."

Chung charged that the UN command "is conniving at these violent, provocative acts" in which at least 27 American soldiers have been injured while holding back South Korean mobs from neutral nations inspectors.

The UN command, which General Parks represents at Panmunjom, is "even conniving" the stormy riots in South Korea, the Communist general charged.

The Communist draft demanded:

1. The UN take immediate action to eliminate threats against the neutral inspectors and restore order.

2. The Neutral Commission be assured that threats against the inspectors "will not recur."

3. That all provisions of the armistice agreement relating to neutral inspection teams be "carried out thoroughly."—United Press.

WILL STUDY PROPOSAL
Washington, Aug. 11. The State Department today cautiously studied Red China's proposal for a new Far East conference on Korea. But it refused to comment on the proposal pending further details and analysis.

The spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said the Department had only sketchy news reports on the Red Chinese proposal and therefore could not discuss it.

Department officials also were waiting to hear whether Red China had passed the proposal along to Britain, which handles negotiations between the United States and Red China because those two nations do not have diplomatic relations.

Officials said privately that US acceptance of the Chinese Communist proposal probably would depend upon whether the Communists indicate that they would be willing to make some concessions. Such an indication could be made privately through diplomatic channels.

EVERY EFFORT MADE
The United States feels that it, and its United Nations allies who fought in Korea, have made every effort to get a peaceful reunification of Korea but failed because of Communist stalling. US officials feel no further progress toward unification can be made until the Communists show they are ready to make a concession.

The Korean conference held at Geneva in 1954 broke down when the Communist side refused to permit Korea to be reunified through free elections supervised by the United Nations.

Officials said "the US did not feel it would be worth while going through another conference like that meeting the Korean problem unless the Communist side first indicated it was ready to change its position.—United Press.

GAZETTED APPOINTMENTS

Mr G. T. Hale, Cadet Officer Class II, has been appointed Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Mr P. V. Dodge has taken over the post of Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, vice Mr. Hale.

Other appointments gazetted were: Dr. Mr. Wing-hang to be Medical Officer on probation; Dr. Sylvia Chui Sai-jun to be Woman Medical Officer on probation; Mr. D. C. Bray to be District Officer, Tai-po, vice Mr. P. V. Dodge.

Mr. Bray has been additionally appointed an Assistant Collector of Stamp Revenue, for the purposes of the Stamp Ordinance, vice Mr. Dodge.

Mr. B. V. Dodge has been appointed to be Deputy Clerk of Councils, vice Mr. G. T. Hale.

Mr. I. B. Trevor (Chairman), the Commissioner of Labour, or his representative, the Director of Public Works or his representative, the Director of Education or his representative, Miss Pauline Chan, Mr. Ho Iu-kwong, Mr. Hoi Man-wai, Mr. Lam Si-kei, Mr. William S. T. Louie, Mr. C. D. Shaw, Mr. A. Storey, Mr. T. H. T. Tse, and a Secretary to be nominated by the Director of Education.

Outlaws Routed In Desert Battle

Biskra, Aug. 11. Thirty outlaws and 21 camel riding French Sahara soldiers have been killed in a battle at Sidi Aoun Oasis in the Souf desert of Southern Algeria, it was learned today.

The battle started on Tuesday morning when an outlaw band, led by 30-year-old bandit chieftain Ama Lakhdar, laid an ambush at the desert oasis for the French Sahara group. It finished 48 hours later with the annihilation of the outlaw band.

Two French officers were killed together with 19 Arab soldiers recruited in the desert region of El Oued. After the fight at the oasis, 20 outlaw dead were found on the battlefield. Two badly wounded outlaws were taken prisoners.

OVERTAKEN
A dozen outlaws escaped from the first battle and made off to the north. They were overtaken early this afternoon and wiped out. Ten were killed and two captured, seriously wounded.

Their weapons, now in French hands, included a machine-gun, sub-machine guns and rifles. A man hunt was in progress tonight in the desert, casts for scattered survivors of the rebel force. Among the dead was the rebel leader, Ama Lakhdar, dreaded outlaw of the Souf desert.

REIGN OF TERROR
For months he had conducted a reign of terror in the Nementchas mountains to the north of the desert, holding up for ransom tobacco traders and shepherds.

Last March he sent his men south to the El Oued region to conscript recruits into his gang. He was wounded in a brush with French Sahara troops in which seven of his men were killed. It was to avenge this defeat that he laid his ambush at Sidi Aoun.—France-Press.

3 Months For False Report

25-year-old Wu Ting-nam, who made a false report to the Police saying that he had been robbed of \$503.40, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The defendant, a life banished, had nine previous convictions between 1946 and 1954, revealed the Prosecution.

DSF Collins said that defendant reported to the Central Police station at 8.16 p.m. on Wednesday that he had been robbed of the money by four men near the Vehicular Ferry pier. A party of Police was sent to the scene of the alleged robbery where they learned the defendant's story was untrue.

PROMOTIONS
H.E. the Governor has approved the following appointments in the Special Constabulary: He was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Police Sergeant (Special) Gordon Hui Sai-tun, and Police Corporal (Special) Karium Shum to be Assistant Superintendents of Police (Special).

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